

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application after this amendment. Claims 1 and 17 are independent. New claim 21 is presented for the Examiner's consideration. In light of the remarks contained herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 6-9, and 13-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Usami* (USP 5,748,342) in view of *Inoue et al.* (USP 5,844,542); rejected claims 2, 3, 10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Usami* and *Inoue et al.* and further in view of *Lau-Kee et al.* (USP 5,631,974); rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Usami* and *Inoue* and further in view of *Cookingham et al.* (USP 6,658,139); and rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Usami* and *Inoue* and further in view of *Campo* (USP 5,526,285). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

### **Examiner Interview**

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner and Primary for the Interview conducted on December 7, 2006. During the Interview, the parties discussed the teachings of *Usami* with regard to the elements recited in claim 1. The parties agreed that *Usami* does not teach or suggest a first adjustment unit for adjusting the image processing conditions in the image processing unit by comparing the finished-state-predicting image with the at least one selected reference image displayed on the display. The parties agreed that *Inoue et al.* fails to cure the deficiencies of the teachings of *Usami*. The parties further agreed that neither of the references, either alone or in

combination teach or suggest the condition setting section adjusting the image processing conditions in the image processing unit by using the at least one selected reference image displayed on the display and the finished-state-predicting image as recited in claim 17. The parties further discussed the elements of claim 19. The parties agreed that the outstanding rejections would be withdrawn upon Applicant's filing of this Reply.

As claims 1 and 17 are allowable over the cited art, Applicant respectfully submits that claims dependent on claims 1 and 17 are allowable. Based upon the agreement made during the Interview, Applicant respectfully requests the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and the Examiner update his search.

### **Conclusion**


In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinnet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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